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A. MILPER Message, dtd 17 March 2004, SUBJECT: Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal-Implementing Instructions.

B. DMS Message, dtd 11 April 2005, SUBJECT: Changes to the Designated Area of Eligibility for Award of the GWOTEM -- CORRECTED COPY

1. The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense has approved Colombia and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as additions to the designated areas of eligibility (AOE) for award of the GWOTEM. Soldiers serving in these areas on or after 11 September 2001 in support of GWOT operations (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM) and who meet the criteria outlined in Ref A are authorized to be awarded the GWOTEM.

2. The complete listing of AOE's for award of the GWOTEM are as follows: Algeria, Bahrain, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria (Bourgas), Chad, Columbia, Crete, Cyprus, Diego Garcia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo (only specified GWOT operations not associated with operations qualifying for the Kosovo Campaign Medal), Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Romania (Constanta), Saudia Arabia, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen, that portion of the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude, Bab El Mandeb, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Aqaba, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Suez, that portion of the Mediterranean Sea ("boarding and searching" vessel operations), Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Strait of Hormuz and Suez Canal.

3. The processing procedures for the GWOTEM are outlined in Ref A.

4. Point of contact for this message is the Military Awards Branch email at awards@hoffman.army.mil.